

August 15, 2019

Ms. Sandra King Young, Medicaid Director  
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Dear Ms. King Young:

Thank you for appearing before the Subcommittee on Health on Thursday, June 20, 2019 at the hearing entitled “Strengthening Health Care in the U.S. Territories for Today and Into the Future.” We appreciate the time and effort you gave as a witness before the Subcommittee.

Pursuant to Rule 3 of the Committee on Energy and Commerce, members are permitted to submit additional questions to the witnesses for their responses, which will be included in the hearing record. Attached are questions directed to you from certain members of the Committee. In preparing your answers to these questions, please address your responses to the member who has submitted the questions using the Word document provided with this letter.

To facilitate the publication of the hearing record, please submit your responses to these questions by no later than the close of business on Friday, August 30, 2019. As previously noted, this transmittal letter and your responses will be included in the hearing record. Your written response should be transmitted by e-mail in the Word document provided with this letter to Josh Krantz, Policy Analyst with the Committee, at [josh.krantz@mail.house.gov](mailto:josh.krantz@mail.house.gov). You do not need to send a paper copy of your responses to the Committee. Using the Word document provided for submitting your responses will also help maintain the proper format for incorporating your answers into the hearing record.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this request. If you need additional information or have other questions, please have your staff contact Mr. Krantz at (202) 225-5056.

Sincerely,

Frank Pallone, Jr.  
Chairman

Attachments

cc: Hon. Greg Walden, Ranking Member  
Committee on Energy and Commerce

Hon. Anna G. Eshoo, Chairwoman  
Subcommittee on Health

Hon. Michael C. Burgess, Ranking Member  
Subcommittee on Health

**Attachments—Additional Questions for the Record**

**Subcommittee on Health  
Hearing on  
“Strengthening Health Care in the U.S. Territories for Today and Into the Future”  
June 20, 2019**

**Sandra King Young**

**The Honorable Michael C. Burgess, M.D.**

1. In FY 2018, federal spending for Medicaid in all five territories exceeded the annual Section 1108 allotment amount. I expect that in FY 2019, we’ll see an increase in federal spending over the annual Section 1108 allotment amount for all five territories since they’ll have access to a 100 percent federal matching rate for all or part of the fiscal year. Because no additional federal funding is available after December 2020, territories will generally need to finance any Medicaid spending over the annual Section 1108 allotment with local funds. My question for each of you is, if you only had the 1108 allotment funding, how short of funding would you all be?

Based on a given FMAP, funding shortfalls would be as follows based on prior year spending. This does not account for all the mandatory and optional services that American Samoa would like to provide but cannot provide because of the statutory capped Medicaid funding and American Samoa’s inability to raise the local match requirement.

0% Local/100% FMAP = \$ 8,355,677.00

24% Local/76% FMAP = \$ 6,350,315.00

17% Local/83% FMAP = \$ 6,935,212.00

45% Local/55% FMAP = \$ 4,595,622.00